

People in positions of power destroy trust

By Cassandra McGowan
Reporter

Molestation and child pornography seem to be a trending topic lately and quite frankly, I'm disgusted.

Grown men forcing themselves on children, girls or boys, is wrong in so many ways that it just makes me want to vomit.

Coaching football, working charities for children, composing music for children's shows, teaching, policing, and preaching are all upstanding job titles, and the people hired to do these

jobs are supposed to be able to be trusted with our children.

As a matter of fact, we teach our children to trust these individuals and that these are the people to go to when something bad happens.

Then we come to find out these are the people who are harming our children the most.

People like Jerry Sandusky and all the other people tied in with the Pennsylvania State University accusations were supposed to be trusted, but they allegedly allowed numerous boys to be molested and said nothing to po-

lice about it.

How would you like it if someone molested your child when they were at a football camp and someone else on the staff saw it and said nothing or did nothing to stop it? Your child will have to live with that shame for the rest of their life.

All of these people with their feelings of pity for good ol' Joe Paterno and Mike McQueary, I'll bet they wouldn't be so quick to root for them had it been their own child making those allegations.

Even a former composer for

Sesame Street, Fernando Rivas, was charged with making child pornography when New Jersey police searched his home and found several inappropriate pictures of children on his computer. Rivas was also a jazz music instructor at a private school.

It has been speculated that Rivas handcuffed a naked 4-year-old girl and posed her for pictures that he had on his computer.

Now there are allegations against Syracuse University's associate head basketball coach, Bernie Fine. His wife alleges that she has reason to believe

Fine molested a boy in their house 10 years ago, and another man is accusing Fine of molesting him.

What the hell? Where are they finding these people? Why aren't the people who are speculating these things saying anything until years later?

All I know is if I found out someone who was supposed to be trusted with my children was sexually abusing them, I'd be the one in jail because I'd probably go ballistic and fly into a fit of rage and do some serious dam-

age. And if I saw something like that going on, I would be the first one in the police department making a report after I physically stopped the abuse.

I can't imagine not doing anything about it. I couldn't live with myself. Those who have suffered through it can never forget these horrendous acts, and the internal damage is forever.

In my opinion, all of these men deserve what's coming to them, and I've heard that the men in prison don't like child molesters.

Poisoning pests on campus isn't bad, it's necessary

By Gregory D. Cook
Photo Editor

Anyone who happens to find themselves on campus in the twilight hours of the day can't help but notice that a good number of six and eight-legged beings also attend Bakersfield College. In fact, they make their homes here. To help control this micro-invasion, the college has hired a local company to do some spraying, and that has more than a few people up in arms over the supposed dangers of using pesticides on campus.

During the first week of this semester, I was surprised to discover a large black widow in the men's restroom of the Fine Arts building. I'm not sure what was more disturbing, the fact that a potentially deadly creature was just hanging out in the men's room, or the fact that this potentially deadly creature was a "she" in the men's room. But in any case, it should serve to illustrate that there are places that bugs just shouldn't be.

In 1948, a Swiss chemist named Paul Muller was awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine for figuring out the chemical Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, commonly known as DDT, could be used to kill insects such as mosquitoes and fleas. It was a discovery worthy of such acclaim, not because it reduced the itching and scratching of the prize committee, but because the control of such insects caused a dramatic reduction in diseases like malaria and yellow fever. That's right, despite the bad press it got in the 1980s, the evil pesticide, DDT, undoubtedly

saved countless lives that would have been lost due to mosquito-transmitted diseases, and used responsibly, countries like South Africa continue to use it today with great effect and little harm to the environment.

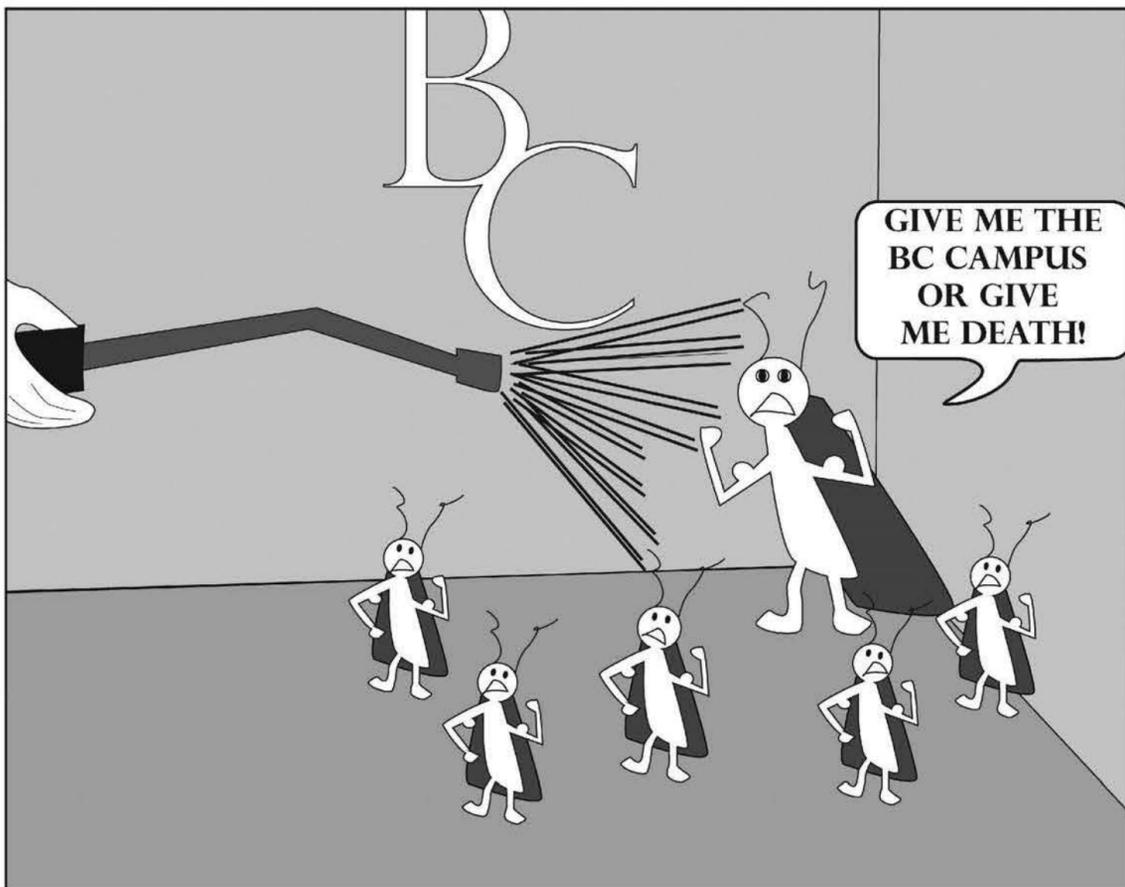
And let's not forget the Black Death that swept across Europe in the 14th century. It is estimated that the plague may have killed 40 percent to 50 percent of the population of Europe over a four-year period; over 200 million people dead. While rodents carried the disease, it was transmitted by fleas. Today, pesticides could prevent such an awful outbreak from occurring.

The responsible usage of pesticides is crucial to man's survival on this planet.

There are from 6 to 10 million different types of insects creeping, crawling, squirming and squiggling over the surface of the Earth, making them, by far, the most abundant form of life in the world, and some scientists estimate that bugs make up 90 percent of the living organisms on this planet. They have to eat the same as we do, and when they get hungry, our farms, orchards and ranches are their fast food.

It is estimated that insects destroy 10 percent to 30 percent of the food crops grown around the world. Without the protection that properly used pesticides provide, those numbers would skyrocket, leading to even more shortages of food and starvation.

The key phrase here is "properly used." It is abundantly clear that the unregulated usage of pesticides can have detrimental effects on the environment, but



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that statement can be said about almost anything. I imagine that the unrestricted use of doughnuts would cause a devastating increase in obesity. Unfortunately, self-regulation has never been one of mankind's strong suits, and the misuse and over-

use of pesticides such as DDT has caused damage to the environment in the past.

But as science progresses, and our understanding of our environment improves, safer pesticides are being developed.

Many of the pesticides being

used today in residential applications to control such pests as bedbugs and termites biodegrade.

After doing their job, they break down into harmless chemicals, leaving the environment nice and clean for the time when man finally destroys himself, and

the insects get their chance at the top of the food chain.

Pesticides are a necessary part of life, unless you want to share your food, your beds, your homes or your Fine Arts building's men's room with the little creepy crawlers.

Letters to the Editor

Smoke-free campus

Dear Editor,

No-smoking on campus should be enforced, even though the smoking limit is within 20 feet from a building. Smoking on campus is disrupting. It may be a stress reliever for some, but many people don't like the smell. It gives others headaches as they walk by, and there is no way to avoid it. I think it is gross to smell smoke all over the campus.

Every place I travel on campus, there has to be at least one person smoking. For instance, I get a headache and cough when I am around a smoker. It bothers me because they should

have a designated smoking area. That way if they want to smoke, they could and it won't bother the rest of the students.

It may be deadly for asthma patients to be exposed to the smoke every day. Also, secondhand smoke could be harmful for the young children coming from day-care or pregnant women passing by.

This is why I think it should be enforced on the Bakersfield College campus. We come here to learn, not to be exposed to cigarettes and their smell.

Daisy Morales
BC student

Staff Editorial

Smoking ban is a waste of resources and money

Smoking has always been a touchy subject at Bakersfield College.

The SGA has tried to regulate smoking on campus since the fall of 2005, and they've been failing at it since.

So we're going to tell you what we think should be done.

The state law on smoking in public is all we need, and there is no need for extra rules and regulations.

The state law reads, "No public employee or member of the public shall smoke any tobacco product inside a public building, or in an outdoor area within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of a public building."

If this is good enough for the governments of most the states,

then it should be good enough for BC.

The state rule as it stands is a perfect compromise. The 20 feet that the law states does not greatly inconvenience smokers, while also placating those worried about secondhand smoke. The 20 feet is enough so that the smoke is not leaking into buildings, where the smoke is being forced onto non-smokers. It is enough space that people worried about smoke can simply walk away.

We at The Rip have not observed huge clouds of smoke outside classrooms, we have not observed smokers being rude. We have not observed anything that suggests that the smoking here is out of control or that the smoking on campus needs to be more con-

trolled.

Some of you may remember a staff editorial published in May 2010 where The Rip's staff spoke in favor of stricter smoking regulations.

We certainly thought that than, but opinions change with the editorial board.

The state law is perfectly fine and the SGA can do a lot more for its students than trying to crack down on smoking for the third time in six years.

The SGA can better serve its students by addressing issues that need attention such as the impacted classes. Instead they attempt again and again to regulate and change something that doesn't need tinkering with.

The important thing is that if the

SGA decides to spend time and money in this attempt to regulate smoking on campus, this needs to be the last time.

After this year, no more tries whether the initiative succeeds or fails. If the SGA is serious about controlling smoking, then they need to get organized.

The polls and forum meetings they plan need to actually happen. They need to consider the students' beliefs. If they pass a new rule, they need to actually make it happen.

It is the best use of everyone's time if we simply leave the policy as it is, instead of putting effort into these policies that never actually materialize.

So give it one last shot and when it fails, don't bother another time.



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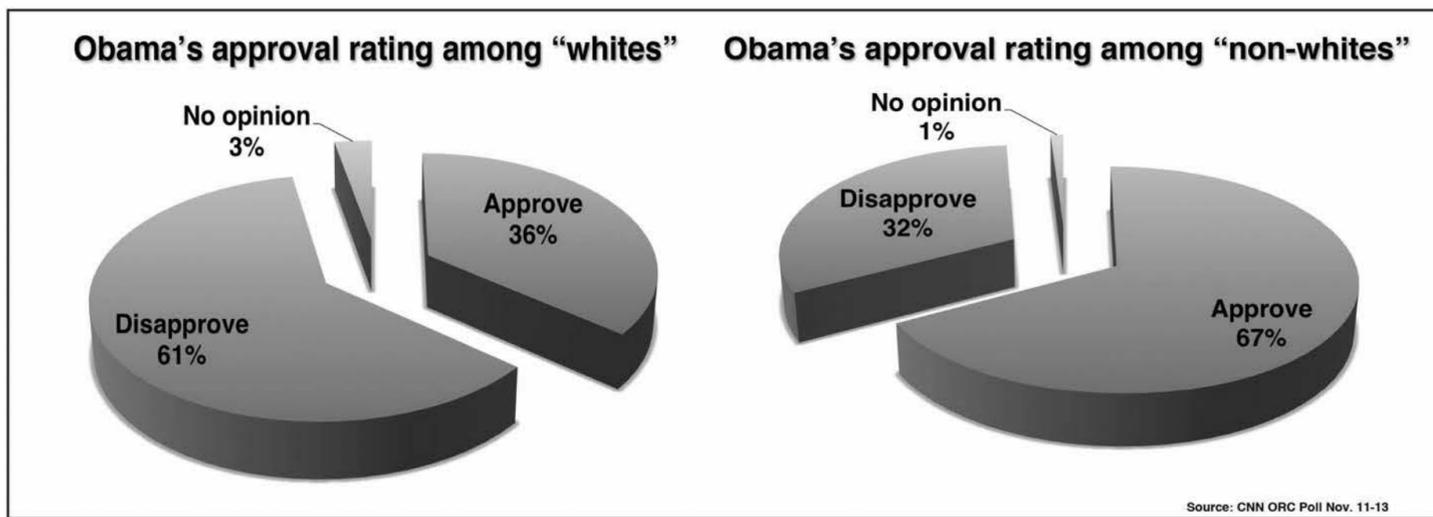
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Polls show a race bias in America



By Zak S. Cowan
Editor in Chief

With the election of Barack Obama in 2008, people around the world applauded the United States for making a step forward in the fight to defeat racism and inequality.

Now, three years later, there is a scary trend going on in national polls regarding Obama's performance as president as well as his handling on various issues.

In the latest CNN/ORC International Poll that included 1,036 adult Americans, signs of a racial line were clear.

On one question, "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?" Just 36 percent of "whites" approved, with 61

percent disapproving. "Non-whites," on the other hand, approved 67 percent of the time with just 32 percent disapproving.

This was the instance throughout the polls and got worse, when it delved into the issues.

When asked if they approved how Obama was dealing with the economy, the disparity was even larger, with 70 percent of "whites" disapproving and 52 percent of "non-whites" approving.

Clearly, the racial line did not vanish with the election of President Obama and it seems we are in for a hell of a ride come election 2012.

American citizens voting for somebody simply because of the color of his/her skin is the single-most detrimental thing that

could happen to our political landscape.

When issues like national health care, our presence in foreign lands, and the national debt should be at the forefront, but when the color of someone's skin is a voter's deciding factor, we are in trouble.

Now, I am not asking you to vote for Obama. I am not asking you to vote for a conservative candidate.

If you are, or are not, going to vote for Obama, let it be because he is a left-wing politico and doesn't fit in with your beliefs.

And if you are, or are not, going to vote for Herman Cain, make the choice on whether he is a right-wing whack job, not because he is an African-American candidate.

When 95 percent of African-Americans

voted for Barack Obama in the 2008 elections, those with any sort of education should have known that the racial line was still there.

There is no possible way that Obama's beliefs and stances on the issues line up with 95 percent of any group of people in the entire world.

And now, three years later, we have more proof, with these polls, that it is still there and will be an elephant in the room come election time 2012.

I truly believe that the majority of American voters are the most educated and well-informed democratic body in the history of our planet.

If they can just get rid of their racial boundaries, our country will be on top of the world for decades to come.

Column

It's Oscar season

Pop, Girls, Etc. | The Rip's Opinions Editor shares his thoughts on pop culture and media.

I know it may be a bit early to guess what films are going to win the 84th Annual Academy Awards. Sure, some of these movies haven't come out yet, but I think I can make an accurate guess. So here are my picks for the Oscars.



Best Adapted Screenplay

This is a difficult category because right now the theater is flooded with adaptations. Most of the movies that look like Oscar bait aren't original screenplays so it's hard to narrow it down to just one. "Hugo," "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" and "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" could all be contenders. Of course, two of those three films aren't out yet so it's hard to judge.

Still, "Dragon Tattoo" is a safe bet seeing as how it was written by "Schindler's List" scribe Steven Zaillian, and that's where my money is.

Best Original Screenplay

This is another tough category because there were so few original screenplays this year. I think it's up between "J. Edgar" which I thought had some minor script issues, "The Tree of Life" which I didn't see, but had "I want an Oscar!" written all over it and "The Iron Lady" (the not yet released biopic of Margaret Thatcher). Unless "Iron Lady" blows it out of the water, I think the writer for "Tree of Life" should start clearing a space on his mantle.

Best Lead Actor

This is really impossible to call, because I don't even know how big of a role some people have in some movies. Tom Hanks has top billing in "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" but is he really the lead? Because I thought it was the kid. Is Christoph Waltz or John C. Reilly the lead in "Carnage"?

So, I'm going to guess Brad Pitt, either for "Moneyball" or "The Tree of Life." The guy was the lead in two Oscar bait movies, so he's got a good chance.

Best Lead Actress

I'm rooting for Rooney Mara, playing Lisbeth Salander in "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo." The role is going to be exceptionally tough, and if she pulls it off she deserves the Oscar.

Best Animated Film

"The Adventures of Tintin." Enough said, but "Rango" will get a nomination.

Best Director

"Hugo" is practically a love letter to a French silent film director, so it is right up the Academy's alley. However, I'm not sure that they're going to give Best Film to a family-oriented movie. (But you can certainly expect it to win multiple technical awards, which is a shame, because it really was fantastic.) If they don't give Best Film to "Hugo," they may throw Scorsese a bone with the Best Director award. Otherwise, I'm going with David Fincher for "Dragon Tattoo."

Best Film

I really think "Hugo" deserves it at this point, but I doubt it's going to win it. The two movies I think have the best chance are "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" and (you may have already guessed) "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."

'The Muppets' is a homage to '70s films

By Keith Kaczmarek
Reporter

The new Muppets movie is a little too faithful to the long history of Muppet movies.

It's a fun movie and don't let anyone tell you differently. It has two decent comedic actors and it has Muppet songs and Muppet jokes. It has everything you might remember if you were a fan of the Muppets when you were eight and you still have a soft spot for Muppets in your heart now that you drive a car and pay taxes.

That's the problem. It doesn't take the Muppets into any new territory and it still feels like it was designed and written by mildly stoned hippies in the '70s. The dialogue still feels stilted and forced and anyone who is not stoned wants the pace to speed up and get to the next sight gag, or next joke or the next song. The choices of locations still have the 1970s lack of imagination and feel like someone spent almost a day to scout and then rented them out with a banjo song and a bag of brownies. Most of the songs are old classics.

Movie making has come a long way in the last 40 years and you just don't see the evolution

here. There are a few shots of a walking Kermit that were obviously CGI and felt extremely jarring with my memories of Muppets, but there really isn't any evidence that the movie wasn't remastered from old prints found in Jim Henson's attic.

Where are the kinds of sets we now expect in a modern movie that are full of life and character? How about a real Hollywood/Broadway dance number that doesn't look like a flash mob you rustled up on Twitter? Heck, I'd be happy with just some more original songs and not retreads of the old classics.

There is also some real existential darkness in this movie. All the characters, human or Muppet, are questioning their very identities and it's hard to watch sometimes. (I won't even go into how the premise of every Muppet abandoning performing for soulless corporate day jobs, vagrancy, neurosis, or third-rate Reno acts is just the set up for their future being stolen by corporate greed. It's just too on the nose for a country in the middle of the great recession.)

That being said, it's still the Muppets. There is still a cast of

famous actors like Jack Black making hilarious cameos and plenty of laughs to be had. Once the set up for doing the actual Muppet Show has sucked up a

substantial section of the movie, you get a hit of pure Muppet magic and you forget all the trials it took to get there. Kids and adults leave the theater humming songs and that's exactly the effect you hope for when you set out to watch the Muppets.

It's also fun to see famous comedians and actors taking potshots at themselves in the proud Muppets tradition. It's a who's who of "people in Hollywood with a sense of humor about themselves" and I won't spoil the surprise by naming any names.

In conclusion, my hope is that this movie is just the early stage of a new Muppet revival. The seeds are there, but it still feels a little odd to chastise the Muppets for being too serious and not zany enough. Muppets are supposed to be fun, crazy, light-hearted entertainment for children and adults alike, not a dark and introspective look into the nature of personal identity and self-esteem done in plush and felt.

MOVIE REVIEW



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Winter brew warms you

Zak S. Cowan
Editor in Chief

The holidays are well under way and they've brought with them some of the best beers in the world: winter seasonal brews.

Samuel Adams is known for having awesome seasonal brews and their Winter Lager carries on that tradition.

Winter Lager isn't new, having first been brewed in 1989, but is only available from the month of November until the end of January.

Winter Lager has a beautiful reddish amber color that fits in perfectly with the brewing method that uses orange peel, ginger and cinnamon.

When pouring the beer into a glass (as every good beer should be), a nice consistent head forms at the top. The head doesn't stay around too long and does not dissipate too quickly.

The aroma of the beer is telling of what tastes are to come with the most noticeable being the citrusy smell that permeates from the orange peels.

The beer's taste evokes quality and refreshment at the same time as providing a kick that is expected from a Samuel Adams brew.

There is a subtle sweetness in the taste that coincides perfectly with the holiday season, but there is enough alcohol in the beer (5.6 percent) to give you that warming feeling that is expected from a winter seasonal almost immediately.

The ginger in the lager is my favorite taste and makes the most impact. It exudes everything I love about winter and the thought of sitting next to a fire.

The feel of the beer is as smooth as I've had. It isn't too light, like a Budweiser or Heineken, but it also isn't too coarse like a Guinness or even the original Samuel Adams beer, Boston Lager.

Winter Lager is the perfect

medium if you want to enjoy a Samuel Adams beer without feeling like you have to push it down and you don't lose any of the taste.

Other beers that I love to drink in the winter to keep me warm, like India Pale Ales, the flavor is lost in the bitterness of the high-alcohol content.

In Winter Lager, the alcohol is there, but the folks at the Boston Brewing Company didn't forget any of the flavor.

Instead, they magnified it just enough to make the beer sweet and enjoyable along with the warming affect.

Winter Lager is a beer that everyone should try at least once in his or her life, preferably before it goes away for another 10 months when January ends.

It's the holidays, so indulge and do so at least once with a Winter Lager.

BEER REVIEW

Overall: ★★★★★

Appearance: ★★★★★

Aroma: ★★★★★☆

Mouthfeel: ★★★★★☆

Taste: ★★★★★

Letter to the Editor

BC classrooms don't follow fire safety codes

Dear Editor,

Fire safety is the concern and responsibility of everyone. It has come to my attention that the computer lab and other library lower floor areas are unsafe, especially for physically challenged people. Take for instance the classroom and office of professor Adie Geiser.

Geiser's classroom has an abundance of unused chairs and in the event of a fire the ensuing panic may very well leave him trapped in the classroom. On any given day, Geiser must move the chairs just to get to the front of the classroom. In the event of an emergency, this would be difficult at best.

I have also noticed that his office is located next to the computer commons where there are a number of office chairs used by students. In the event of a

fire, the likely scenario that the students will leave chairs out, making it near impossible for a wheelchair to get through the area.

I am deeply concerned with the access paths of this area and highly recommend that the school make the following corrections:

1. Remove the excess chairs from the classroom.
2. Move the computers that are in front of Geiser's office back five feet.
3. Hold monthly fire drills and have a safety monitor observe the flow of evacuation to ensure that everyone will have the ability to get out.
4. Use a daily walkthrough chart to ensure that there are no safety hazards.

Donna Hamm
Psychology Major

First-year athletic director discusses issues

By Zak S. Cowan
Editor in Chief

With the football team finishing 4-6 and attendance slowly declining as the season went on, first-year athletic director Ryan Beckwith is pleased with how the other sports have picked up the slack and he's using a method that hasn't been utilized at Bakersfield College.

The athletic department has been charging for all sporting events on campus this semester, with the exception of the one wrestling match BC hosted, and that will continue indefinitely, according to Beckwith.

"A lot of [sporting events] haven't been charging to get in," Beckwith said.

"This is college athletics. We should be charging to get into these events."

Sports like swimming, wrestling, both men's and women's tennis and both men's and women's basketball, that were previously free to get into, will now charge for admission.

"Now obviously the students are free, but outside of our student body, people should pay to get into these games," said

Beckwith. "Now that we're doing that, we're making a little bit of money and we're able to cover our costs, which is great."

Beckwith's reason for the change is the bleak economic outlook for the California community college system and the threat of budget cuts to athletic departments around the state.

"With the way [California] community colleges are right now, they're cutting back so much that the funding that we would typically get from the state could go away at any point," he said. "So we're trying to show progressive ways of us saying, 'hey, you don't need to cut this or that. We're making money through our own events,' which would allow us to have operating costs."

Despite the new charges to attend, Beckwith is happy with the turnout at events so far in his first semester as head of the athletic department.

"You have to look at the athletic department as a team," Beckwith said. "Sometimes, your best player goes down and you've got to pick up the slack in other areas."

Beckwith said that the athletic



"You have to go at it little by little until you build credibility in the program, and that's what we're trying to do. I want the community to see what we're doing to make ourselves better before we ever ask for help."

**—Ryan Beckwith,
Athletic director**

department has done so with strong attendance in sports like volleyball and soccer. He also expects the two basketball teams to do well throughout the year.

"It's really about the other sports stepping up this year and having a presence themselves," he said.

Athletics to get new Web site

The athletic department will have a new Web site in the near future.

The site, www.gogades.com, has been under construction for the majority of this semester by Willis Design Studios and is expected to be up and running before students come back for the spring semester.

Beckwith is at the forefront of the process and is excited for

what the Web site can do for the department.

"If you think about how the world is right now, it's all social-media driven," Beckwith said. "Our athletic department is filled with student athletes that are 18-22 and are followed by the people on campus and the student body. So the Web site is everything ... and obviously, the one we had wasn't giving us what we wanted and we received a lot of complaints about it."

The biggest criticism of the previous Web site, which is still active under Bakersfield College's Web site, was that it wasn't updated regularly and there wasn't a lot of information about the teams themselves.

The new Web site will have detailed bios on the coaching

staffs of every sport as well as information about every student athlete.

"Doing an all-inclusive Web site like this and being able to move forward and have something a little more dynamic is huge," Beckwith said.

Court to be refinished

Beckwith is also currently working on getting the basketball court in the Gil Bishop Sports Center redone.

As of now, the court isn't up to regulation.

"Right now, we are out of code because we don't have the [charge] arc which is a new rule that you have to have it," Beckwith said. "So we have it taped."

The California Community College Athletic Association has also done away with the women's three-point line that is still painted on the court.

Beckwith also plans on adding the new logo for the athletic department at center court among other things that he said will "dress up" the floor.

The refinishing process, involving sanding down the floor and painting and staining the wood, will take 10 days accord-

ing to Beckwith and the funding is close to being finalized and approved.

"It is one of those maintenance things that needs to be done," Beckwith said.

Beckwith said that he would like the funding to come from a department within the school such as the Alumni Association.

"As of right now, we are working on getting that money going," he said. "We don't have a final dollar figure yet, but it's only going to be a little bit more than what we would normally spend on it."

When asked whether the refinishing would be complete by the time the spring semester starts, Beckwith said, "It's likely, but it's not 100 percent at this point."

"It's just about taking little steps, and any time you're in a position to revamp anything ... you can't go out and take out the biggest chunk you can chew," said Beckwith. "You have to go at it little by little until you build credibility in the program and that's what we're trying to do. I want the community to see what we're doing to make ourselves better before we ever ask for help."

Volleyball sees early exit as BC's lone playoff team

By Zak S. Cowan
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College's volleyball team was defeated in the first round of the 2011 California Community College Athletic Association's Women's Volleyball Championship playoff at the hands of Pasadena City College.

PCC swept the Renegades 25-19, 30-28 and 25-22 in the Nov. 22 match in Pasadena.

The two teams rarely were more than two points apart through the first two sets with PCC pulling away from BC in the third set.

The disappointment, though, comes with the hopes of success for next season.

The team will see freshmen Megan Black and Brittany Smith back next year. The two players led the team in kills and blocks.

The Renegades will see their assist leader Erica Rico move on. Rico averaged 9.34 assists per game through

the season.

Black had 202 kills (.348 kill percentage) and 46 blocks with just 48 errors. Smith accompanied Black along the front line all year and finished with 193 kills, 50 blocks and just 59 errors.

The Renegades finished their regular season off with a sweep against West Los Angeles College 25-15, 25-15 and 25-12 in the Gil Bishop Sports Center on Nov. 17.

Coach Carl Ferreira is encouraged by what he sees from his team mentally, how they finished the season, and what the team will look like in 2012.

"We're in a very healthy stage," Ferreira said. "I've tried to develop a lot of internal leadership and at this stage we're extremely healthy from the inside out, which means the nucleus and the core of the whole team is real powerful, real strong, and they've got their eyes dead set on what they want to accomplish."



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Above: Bakersfield College traveled to Pasadena City College for the first round of the CCCAA SOCAL Regional playoffs Nov. 22. Right: Renegades middle blocker Brittany Smith attempts to send the ball past Lancers setter Jessica Xu (8) and middle blocker Jackie Valle-Acosta (15).

Fall semester sports coming to a close

By Esteban Ramirez
Reporter

This season for Bakersfield College women's golf was filled with great individual performances, but they couldn't put it together as a team.

"I thought it was a fairly good season, but we weren't able to reach our goals which is pretty disappointing," said women's golf coach Bob Paillet.

"I thought some of the bright spots were seeing Malea Miller breaking a BC record and seeing Paula Robinson shoot a career best," he said.

He said that the team didn't meet their goal of a state championship, and even though they played well at times, he thought they didn't get enough consistency.

He also added that losing Mill-

er and Robinson will hurt them, but he thinks that Kambria Ulrich will be a fine player next year as long as she is not hurt.

"I am really excited about Kambria coming back, that we can get some talented freshmen and hopefully the team continues to get better," he said.

Cross-country

BC's cross-country team's season is over and the team met the goals that it set out for from the beginning.

"We were a young team, but we were able to accomplish some of our goals like qualifying out of the conference and qualifying to the state meet," said women's cross-country coach Pam Kelley.

Kelley added that because they were committed from the beginning, they were able to have those successes.

"Each year it gets harder to qualify, but I think since this year all the freshman got to experi-

ence it and by next year we will know what to expect," she said.

She added that this year was a success, but they are excited about next year.

"I think it was a successful season. We accomplished our goals. We're looking forward to the future," she said.

The men's cross-country team's coach David Frickel gave his thoughts on how the men's season went.

"I think we had a very good season by achieving some of our goals and I'm happy with the results," he said.

"I think it's a big achievement when you reach the Southern Cals and the state championship."

He added that everyone made big improvements from the beginning of the year and he said he is looking forward for them to improve during track season.

The men will lose their top four runners next year, but Frickel

hopes that those returning and the incoming freshmen will step up.

Wrestling

BC's wrestling team had a non-conference match against East Los Angeles College to make up for a match that was canceled Sept. 30.

The makeup match was on Nov. 19, team scores were not held and it was a round-robin of individual matchups.

"I thought we did good and I thought it was important to have mat time before the regionals, and I think that at first when it got canceled I thought it hurt us, but we have benefited from the match being canceled," said wrestling coach Bill Kalivas.

"I thought we looked better defensively on our feet and escaping, but now all we need to work on is limiting mistakes. I also want to see them continue to compete and just let the athleti-



MEGAN LUECKE / THE RIP

Memorial Stadium is drowned by fog the morning of Nov. 28, as Bakersfield College settles in for the winter break, except basketball which will play through the break.

cism take over."

He added that he thought Marc Collier, Jesus Valdovinos, Tyson Pinon, Brandon Silva and Jonathan Gomez wrestled well.

Pinon wrestled in both the 197-weight class and heavy-weight, and had three wins and three losses.

Collier won all four of his matches including an impressive

victory over number-one wrestler in the state Jake Harrison from Cerritos College.

Kalivas also said that they don't know the matchups at the regionals yet, but he wants at least five or six wrestlers to qualify from the regionals.

The regionals will be at Palomar College in San Marcos on Dec. 3.

Renegades win again and improve to 4-1

By Esteban Ramirez
Reporter

After suffering a tough loss to Moorpark College, Bakersfield College women's basketball team responded with an impressive victory over Reedley College.

BC beat Reedley 68-54 on Nov. 18 in the Gil Bishop Sports Center.

BC was only up 32-24 after the first half, but then to start the second half BC went on a 21-7 run to take a commanding lead.

"I think we just finally woke up in the second half and started playing at our tempo," said starting sophomore forward Gabi Morales.

They got a big contribution from Haley Huntington, who put up 21 points off the bench with 15 coming from behind the three-point line. They also got good rebounding production from Gabi Morales

"I think we just finally woke up in the second half and started playing at our tempo."

**-Gabi Morales,
Forward**

and Madison Tarver.

BC women's basketball coach Paula Dahl commented on the game.

"I thought we responded great after losing to Moorpark, but we still turned the ball over too many times," said Coach Dahl. "I think our depth really helped us because there was no drop off when the subs came in, and when the subs played like that we're unstoppable."

"We still need to continue to clean up our defense, fastbreak and not turning the ball over," she said.

Huntington, who is a backup freshman guard, commented on her performance.

"I think sometimes I'm on and today I was feeling like all of them were going to go in, but I also got some good passes from my teammates."

"We were definitely motivated to come out to play, and even though we turned the ball over a lot we managed to keep our composure."

"I think we turned the ball over so much because we kept reacting before we got the ball and that caused us to travel," she said.

BC lost to Moorpark 78-63 on Nov. 15. They had a hard time stopping the three-point shooting of Moorpark, and they also had 30 turnovers that limited their scoring opportunities.

BC's next scheduled game is at the Cuesta Tournament from Dec. 1-3.



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Renegades forward Gabi Morales goes up for a jumper over Tigers forward Stephanie Ficher in the Gil Bishop Sports Center on Nov. 18.

Column

Cali teams deserve your support

Chiefed | The Rip's Editor in Chief tells you what's what in the world of sports.

I hate when Californians support out-of-state teams.

Our great state is full of great franchises, both professional and collegiate.

It doesn't matter what background you come from, black or white, hippy or red-neck, we should all support California teams first and foremost.



ZAK S. COWAN

I can't stand it when someone from Los Angeles roots for a team like the Dallas Cowboys or someone in Oakland supports the Boston Celtics.

It boggles my mind that someone can get into a team that is based 4,000 miles away from where they sleep.

Me? Lakers, Raiders, and Dodgers.

All three, when I first understood sports and team affiliation, were less than 200 miles away from my house.

That should be the limit. Unless you've relocated, there should be a 200-mile limit.

Forget book burning. Let's burn out-of-state baseball caps.

When going out for a beer at Firehouse to watch my Raiders try to stay competitive, it's hard for me to hear myself think with all the Cowboys fans erupting every time the team gets two or more yards.

If everyone would just root for the same teams, everyone would be screaming in unison and I wouldn't miss any part of the game or my conversation because I'd be screaming at the same time.

Would you root for a sports team out of the country over an NBA team?

I didn't think so. In America, where our states are so close to being their own countries (especially California), how could you not root against a team from Arizona, New York or Boston?

Rooting for teams outside the 200-mile limit can also make one susceptible to wagon hopping.

No one can say they have strong loyalty if they are rooting for a team that doesn't represent their home and California is our home people.

So I hate the Chargers and everything that they represent, including their fans, but at least they're rooting for a local team.

I can't stand all the Bronco stickers I see on cars in Bakersfield.

Don't get me wrong, I'd hate seeing Donco stickers even if I was in Denver. In fact, it'd probably make me sick, but it's much worse when that person grew up a drive away from three or four other teams.

It isn't that there aren't good teams in California, either.

Yeah, Bay Area football has been bad lately, but it's on the up nowadays. And the Lakers were two-time world champions just six months ago. Even though I hate them, the Giants just brought some more hardware to the Golden State just over a year ago.

And we're not just blessed with success either; the tradition runs deep in every team in California (with the exception of the Chargers, maybe). Think about the Dodgers-Giants rivalry; the Raiders and the 49ers and their traditions of winning. Even the Lakers and Clippers and how one team has dominated it for so many years can be considered deep rooted in tradition.

My point is, any Californian who doesn't support the state's teams, I have a hard time respecting him/her, which works out perfectly because the majority of Cowboy fans are totally full of themselves anyway.

Second-place finish for BC

By Esteban Ramirez
Reporter

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team hosted the Thanksgiving Renegades Classic and had two competitive games that came down to crucial possessions.

The Thanksgiving Renegades Classic was on Nov. 25-26.

BC redeemed a loss they had in the last tournament against Allan Hancock by beating them on Nov. 25 with a score of 65-64, thanks in part to good defense at the end and a game-winning shot by starting guard Gerald Bates as the game clock hit zero.

Allan Hancock had taken a 62-56 lead after a three-pointer with 57 seconds left and then coach Rich Hughes called a timeout.

"I think the game changed when coach Hughes called a timeout and told us to give it our all on defense," said Gerald Bates. After the timeout, BC went on a 9-2 run to come away with the win.

Coach Hughes commented on how the team played.

"It wasn't a pretty win. We did enough to come away with the win and we played for all 40 minutes. I thought we defended them better than when we played them on Sunday, but I still think

we have ways to go defensively," he said.

"I thought our full court defense was the reason we came back because we got some turnovers and the momentum changed in our favor."

He added that on the game-winning shot the play wasn't originally for Bates.

"The play was for Aubrey Ball, but they defended it so Bates just took it himself and made a play."

Bates said that he knew he would make the shot because he felt that it would go in.

He also commented on the team's performance.

"We did very good, played hard on defense and had some good offense. We just got to continue to play as a team and work hard on our defense, but we need to start to make our free throws," he said.

In the championship round, BC played against Porterville and lost by a score of 88-79.

Porterville's starting guard Jason Carmichael scored 36 points on BC, but even with that the game was close throughout until the last minute when Porterville pulled away thanks to them sinking their free throws and BC's lack of it.

BC was up 79-76 with a little

over two minutes left and then Porterville went on a 12-0 run to finish the game.

BC also missed two crucial free throws when they were only down by two points.

"We did terrible. Our defense as a whole was just terrible. We didn't defend the ball," said Hughes.

"Their guys were just blowing right by us and we're not good enough offensively to give up 80 points."

Hughes also said that they lost it at the end because they took bad shots, missed their free throws, had some dumb fouls and Porterville made their free throws.

"We've got to play harder because they outplayed us and out scrapped us in our own gym," he said.

"I was just disappointed in our effort."

Starting freshman guard Aubrey Ball, who scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half, commented on the team's performance.

"I think personally I did good, but I'm a team guy and I think Coach has a good system so if we listen to what Coach tells us we'll start to have success," said Ball. "We just didn't have the effort consistently and we got to



GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP

Bakersfield College guard Gerald Bates tries to squeeze between two Porterville College players for a shot.

have it throughout the game not just in spurts."

The team was scheduled to play Porterville again on Nov.

29, and their next game will be on Dec. 10 against Los Angeles Trade-Tech College here at BC.

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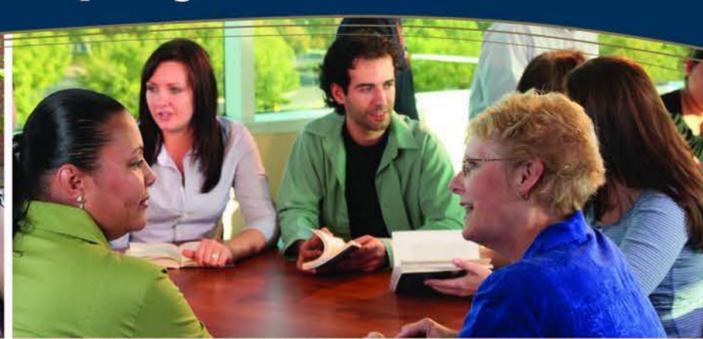


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Bassist Randy Armstrong, of Red, plays at the Winter Jam Tour Spectacular at the Rabobank Arena on Nov. 17 while a smoke and fire show goes off in the background.

Winter Jam hits Bakersfield

Photos by Brandon Barazza

Winter Jam was held at the Rabobank Arena on Nov. 17 for Christians to praise their beliefs together



Lead singer of Newsboys, Michael Tait, takes a ride above the crowd while singing "Born Again."



Joe Rickard of Red plays his drums at the Winter Jam Tour at the Rabobank Arena on Nov. 17.



Randy Armstrong plays bass during Winter Jam Tour on Nov. 17 at Rabobank Arena.



Newsboys lead singer Michael Tait dances next to lead guitarist Jody Davis on Nov. 17.